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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: HEW and Section 42

1. Ronald Kain and I met today in 2F24 at 1100 hours. I told him OBI was interested in the possibility that HEW might produce Section 42. I said the problem was to re-adjust the commitment so that some Section 42 coverage could be produced within the same budget Kain now has. Perhaps this could be accomplished by an examination of the outlines for Section 42, 43, and 46, deleting less permanent aspects from the coverage. I said I had initially thought that most of Section 46 could be dispensed with.

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2. Kain said [redacted]'s letter made him feel there would be cutbacks in the program. As to Sec 46, he works for an organization that is very public welfare conscious and he would have difficulty justifying his attachment to HEW if this activity were not part of his mission. Kain therefore urged retention of Public Welfare as a topic but agreed that coverage could be reduced. We discussed regrouping of topics, restatement of concepts, and the possibility of producing a number of topics simultaneously to be included in a single publication. He was not prepared to go this far, but thought scheduling as many sociological topics as possible on the same NIS Area within a relatively brief time span useful. We discussed individual topics such as religion, education, public information, physical anthropology, social structure, social security, and levels of living - hunting for ways in which the coverage of these could be reduced. Kain thought the role of public information in society might be enough, without all the details about individual publications and their political affiliations. Education might be treated more generally without going into curricula. Kain thought information about sitting and standing height of people, the set of their teeth, and cranial configuration could be played down; i. e., physical anthropology could be reduced. Perhaps the details on customs and social outlook could be reduced since SORO has pre-empted this field from the NIS, responding to some need for fuller coverage. Some of the details on programs can be left out of the coverage of social security. I reminded Kain that the only parts of the SORO effort that served any purpose similar to the NIS mission were those that appear to have been copied from it.

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3. Kain took with him the task of examining the NIS Standard Instructions for the three sections to:

- a) reduce the coverage to essential basic intelligence, omitting the more fugitive information;
- b) re-state and re-group the concepts so that new relationships or differences between them may be exploited ;
- c) estimate the capability to increase his total commitment (consisting of the three reduced sections) to some 20 or 24 per year from the present 16.

4. Following this interview, I discussed the whole matter with [REDACTED] agreed to make a similar survey of the three topical outlines so that they would guide the producer to confine himself to essential basic intelligence and focus some of the effort on revised concepts.

5. Kain knows his own lead times on FY 64 production and promised to come up with a paper within a few weeks.

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